

**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT OF KAMPALA AT BUGANDA ROAD**

**KLA-00-CR-CO-1113-2020**

**CPS -CRB -1383-2020**

**UGANDA**

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**PROSECUTION**

**VERSUS**

**MUHEREZA BENSON**

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**ACCUSED**

**PROCEEDINGS**

12/12/2020

Accused in court.

Maureen –State

Andrew – Counsel for accused.

Liz – court clerk.

Court: Charge read and explained to accused in Runyankole.

Accused pleads: False. Plea of not guilty entered.

Prosecution: Inquiries complete.

Court: Right of bail explained.

Court: Right of bail explained. Remanded till 2/12/2020.

**Sgd**

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

2pm

Accused in court.

Maureen –state

Andrew –Counsel for accused.

Liz –court clerk.

Accused: I admit the charge.

Court: Charge read and explained to accused in Runyankole.

Accused pleads: Its true. I had in possession.

Court: Plea of guilty entered.

**Brief facts:** on 5/11/2020 at 6:15pm in Ntungamo District PC Dickson arrested accused carrying 16 pieces in a sack of Matooke. He was taken to Ntungamo and Kampala CPS where he was charged accordingly. We have the expert report and exhibit slips.

Court: Accused remanded till 19/11/2020.

**Sgd**

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

19/11/2020

Accused in court.

Maureen –state

Andrew –Counsel for Accused

Liz – court clerk.

Prosecution: The exhibits are in court today.

Counsel for Accused: No objection.

Court: 16 pieces of hippo teeth admitted and marked P.EXH.1.

Slip marked P.GII.

Expert report 10/11/2020 marked P.Exh.III.

Accused: Facts correct.

Court: Accused is convicted on his own plea of guilty.

Reasons: The convict is a first offender. The offence is becoming rampant. Hippos are endangered species. If not protected they will be extinct. I pray court considered the plea bargain of fine of 1,000,000/= or 1 years imprisonment. I pray the pieces are handed over to Executive Director – UWA.

**Mitigation:** Parties plea bargain. I pray court adopts the bargain.

**Sentence:** Accused is a first offender who realized his mistake pleaded guilty thus not wasting courts time. It's true that the offence is becoming rampant and this must be discouraged. Accused is still a youth capable of engaging into serious business. He should refrain. Parties have freely bargained. I therefore give him a chance to reform and sentence him to 1 year imprisonment or pay a fine of 1,000,000/=.

Sgd *M Okello*

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

**Court:** Let the 16 pieces of Hippo teeth be handed over to Executive Director, UWA for further management.

Sgd *M Okello*

**Ayo Miriam E. Okello**

**Chief Magistrate**

**12/12/2020**